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LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW | 2011

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From human services to taxes, from education to economic development, public policy impacts nearly every aspect of life for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state of Washington. Over the course of the legislative session, funding levels to health and human services are determined, changes to and creations of new laws are debated, and budgets are approved.

The Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) is committed to improving the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans by ensuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. Part of that mission involves examining, defining, and monitoring policy issues that are of interest to the Asian Pacific American community and providing legislative and policy updates.

The importance of the community in advocating on issues is significant. On Feb. 17, 2011, over 2,000 community members visited the Capitol and met with legislators on Asian Pacific American Legislative Day. The community voiced their concerns on a variety of issues, including preserving health and human services, job creation, and education. Leaders of our community met and spoke with Gov. Chris Gregoire, Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, State Reps. Sharon Tomiko Santos, Bob Hasegawa, Cindy Ryu, Pat Sullivan, Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, Luis Moscoso and Sens. Paull Shin, and Steve Hobbs.

2011 WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

The 2011 Legislative Session was dominated by a budget shortfall of more than \$5 billion. Since January, working in an unprecedented bipartisan spirit, Governor Gregoire and the Legislature tackled some of the state's largest cost drivers.

Through bipartisan partnership and cooperation, the Legislature developed a balanced budget focused on tackling long term costs and making government leaner and more efficient to ensure the state can continue to provide critical services. The budget includes approximately \$4.5 billion in reductions as well as major cost-cutting reforms and agency consolidations.

The regular session convened on January 10th and adjourned on April 21st. Governor Chris Gregoire called lawmakers back for a special session on April 22nd after the end of their regular session.

In the 2011 session, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs tracked a total of 139 bills. The following is a summary of bills in our three priority areas of education, health care/ human services, and economic development. Also included are a few bills of interest to the community in the area of immigration and budget.

- **Education:** Access to quality, affordable, safe and culturally inclusive education.
- **Health Care:** Access to quality, affordable and culturally appropriate health and social services.
- **Economic Development:** Equitable participation in economic, community, and workforce development.

*Information on bills passed and delivered to the Governor credited to the Senate Committee Services

IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION, WE TRACKED 42 BILLS

Highlights:

- 2SSB 5427 requires that to the extent funds are available, kindergarten teachers must administer an **assessment of students in full-day kindergarten**.
- A bill on **dropout prevention** passed. E2SHB 1599 creates the pay for actual student success dropout prevention program to invest in four proven dropout prevention and intervention programs and to provide financial awards for high schools that demonstrate improvement.
- A bill on **bullying prevention** passed. 2SHB 1163 establishes a workgroup on the prevention of bullying, intimidation, and harassment in public schools.
- Two bills on **end-of-course assessments** were passed. HB 1412 sets forth that the graduating classes of 2013 and 2014 will only be required to meet the state standards on one assessment. ESHB 1410 requires that students meet the state standard in science.
- A new law on **civil rights history** encourages school districts to commemorate the history of civil rights once a year.
- Two **higher education** bills passed. E2SSB 5182 establishes the Office of Student Financial Assistance and E2SHB 1795 enacts the Higher Education Opportunity Act allowing public four-year institutions tuition setting authority.
- A bill creating the **launch year program** passed. E2SHB1808 requires high schools to inform students and their families about opportunities to earn postsecondary credit during their twelfth grade year.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that passed and were delivered to the Governor:

SB 5174: ENCOURAGING INSTRUCTION IN THE HISTORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS

**Signed by the Governor*

- School districts are encouraged to conduct a program commemorating the history of civil rights at least once a year.

2SSB 5427: REGARDING AN ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS IN STATE-FUNDED FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

**Signed by the Governor*

- Beginning in the 2012-13 school year, to the extent funds are available, kindergarten teachers must administer WaKIDS to all students enrolled in state-funded all-day kindergarten. Parents and guardians may excuse their students from participating.
- Before implementing WaKIDS, SPI and DEL must ensure that a fairness and bias review of the assessment process has been conducted.

2SHB 1163: CREATING A WORK GROUP ON PREVENTING BULLYING, INTIMIDATION, AND HARASSMENT AND INCREASING STUDENT KNOWLEDGE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUTH SUICIDE

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Office of the Education Ombudsman are required to establish a workgroup until January 1, 2016, regarding prevention of bullying, intimidation, and harassment in public schools, and the workgroup must submit a biennial report.
- The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Higher Education Coordinating Board are directed to compile and analyze bullying and harassment prevention policies at colleges and universities and to submit a report by December 1, 2011.

ESHB 1410: REGARDING SCIENCE END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Beginning in 2011-12 the statewide administered science assessment will be the Biology EOC. SPI may develop additional science EOCs when directed by the Legislature. The science components of the ACT, SAT and AP assessments can be used as an alternative to the statewide Biology EOC for the purposes of graduation.
- The State Board of Education may modify the Essential Academic Learning Requirements in science and the science assessments with the common core standards as long as the legislative education committees have opportunities for review before the modifications are adopted.

HB 1412: REGARDING MATHEMATICS END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS

**Signed by the Governor*

- As the state transitions from a comprehensive mathematics assessment to two mathematics end-of-course (EOC) assessments as a high school graduation requirement, the graduating classes of 2013 and 2014 will only be required to meet the state standards on one EOC assessment rather than both.
- Beginning with the class of 2015, students will have to meet the state standard on both mathematics EOC assessments to graduate from high school.

SHB 1524: RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA

**Signed by the Governor*

- Students who successfully pass all the required International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma courses, projects, and assessments are deemed to have satisfied the state minimum requirements for high school graduation, except that students must still meet the state standard on the statewide assessments; and study the U.S. and Washington Constitutions (however, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction may adopt a rule allowing the students to meet the study requirement as a noncredit course.)
- School districts are encouraged to waive any additional local graduation requirements for IB diploma students.

E2SHB 1599: ESTABLISHING THE PAY FOR ACTUAL STUDENT SUCCESS DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Pay for Actual Student Success Program (PASS) is created, subject to funds appropriated, to (1) invest in four proven dropout prevention and intervention programs and (2) provide an annual financial award for high schools that demonstrate improvement in dropout prevention indicators, beginning in the 2011-12 school year. Award funds may be used for dropout prevention

activities. Ninety percent of the award is allocated to the high school and 10 percent to the school district.

E2SHB 1808: CREATING THE LAUNCH YEAR PROGRAM

**Signed by the Governor*

- High schools must inform students and their families about opportunities to earn postsecondary credit during their twelfth grade year. By December 1, 2011, institutions of higher education must develop a master list of postsecondary courses that can be fulfilled by taking recognized college-level proficiency exams and meeting the qualifying exam score or demonstrated competencies. To the maximum extent possible, the institutions must agree on exam qualifying scores and demonstrated competencies.

ESSB 5182: ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BY ELIMINATING THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD AND TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS TO VARIOUS ENTITIES.

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session*

- The Office of Student Financial Assistance is created to administer all student financial aid and the GET program beginning on July 1, 2012. On July 1, 2012, the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is eliminated and a council for higher education is created subject to the recommendations of a steering committee.

SSB 5442: REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THREE-YEAR BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

**Signed by the Governor*

- The state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College may develop accelerated baccalaureate degree programs that will allow academically qualified students to obtain a degree in three years without attending summer classes or enrolling in more than a full-time class load.
- Qualified students in such programs must be allowed to begin course work within their academic field during their first term or semester of enrollment.

2SHB 1909: PROMOTING INNOVATION AT COMMUNITY AND TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Community and Technical College Innovation Account (Account) is created to implement the Strategic Technology Plan for improving student achievement and system-wide efficiencies. The community and technical colleges must transfer up to 3 percent of student operating fees to the Account. The director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges may only use the Account for (1) paying off debt for financing contracts, or (2) projects that implement the Strategic Technology Plan.

ESSB 5919: REGARDING EDUCATION FUNDING

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Legislation enacted in 2009 and 2010 revised K-12 basic education funding formulas and established a schedule for phasing in an expanded definition of basic education, along with phased in funding enhancements for particular activities, including pupil transportation. The new funding formula for pupil transportation will go into effect September 1, 2011. Amendments are made to the formula based on analysis that was done during planning for implementation of the new formula.
- Amends the transitional bilingual funding formula so the actual per-student allocation may be scaled for a larger allocation for students needing more intensive intervention and a smaller

allocation for those needing less intensive intervention, with the intent of maintaining the overall program funding level.

- The requirement that students pass the statewide assessment in science to graduate from high school is changed from beginning with the graduating class of 2013 to beginning with the graduating class of 2015.

HB 1131: REGARDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUND ALLOCATIONS

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Initiative 728 (I-728) was approved by the voters in November 2000 for K-12 class-size reduction, teacher professional development, student remediation, and other purposes. The statute specifies a per-student FTE allocation of state funds to be distributed to school districts.
- The bill provides that per-student allocations for the next two school years (2011-12 and 2012-13) will be specified in the Omnibus Appropriations Act. Separately, the appropriations act suspends the distributions, resulting in budget reductions of \$860 million in 2011-13.

2SHB 1132: REGARDING REDUCING COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Suspends Initiative 732 (I-732) cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for K-12 employees and eligible higher education employees for the next two years.
- Provides that K-12 teachers' National Board base bonus amounts are subject to appropriations in the omnibus budget bill for the next two school years. Currently K-12 teachers are able to earn a \$5,090 per year bonus for earning certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. In addition to the base bonus, teachers can earn an additional \$5,000 for teaching in a "challenging" school (at least 70 percent of the students qualify for free and reduced-price lunch).
- The 2011-13 budget reduction related to the suspension of I-732 totals \$295 million — \$266 million in K-12 public schools and \$29 million in higher education.
- The budget savings for National Board bonus changes total \$61 million. All eligible National Board certified teachers will receive the \$5,090 base and \$5,000 challenging schools' bonus. The savings are a result of moving all payments to the end of each school year and pro-rating first-time recipients' payments. First-time recipients' first-year payments will be made at 60 percent of the total, reflecting the time of year that certificates are awarded.

E2SHB 1795: ENACTING THE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session*

- Public four-year institutions are granted flexible tuition setting authority beginning in the 2011-12 academic year through the 2018-19 academic year. The Legislature will retain tuition setting authority for resident undergraduate students at community and technical colleges; although, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges may pilot or institute differential rates.
- Public four-year institutions are required to increase the retention of operating fees for their institutional aid fund from 3.5 percent to 4 percent if they do not increase tuition beyond the levels assumed in the budget and to 5 percent if they do increase tuition beyond the levels assumed in the budget. The community and technical colleges are required to establish an institutional aid fund and must retain 3.5 percent of operating fees for this purpose. A minimum of 30 percent of the institutional aid must be used for need-based financial aid.
- Running Start students are authorized to charge non-needy students 10 percent of tuition.

ESHB 2088: CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP BOARD TO ASSIST MIDDLE INCOME STUDENTS AND INVEST IN HIGH EMPLOYER DEMAND PROGRAMS

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Establishes the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP) and the Opportunity Expansion Program (OEP) to be administered by a private, nonprofit entity. The program administrator will manage two accounts, the Scholarship Account and the Endowment Account, from which scholarships will be awarded. OSP, funded with a combination of private donations and state matching funds, is to provide low- and middle income Washington residents with scholarships to help them earn a baccalaureate degree in a high demand field of study. Scholarships from the Scholarship Account can be awarded as early as December 1, 2011, if \$5 million of state match is provided.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that did not pass:

- Seven bills on school district flexibility, district reorganization, waivers, alternative learning programs and social emotional learning
- Three bills on chemical dependency, school truancy, and criminal street gangs
- Seven bills on education reform, state-funded kindergarten, employment leave, and education funding
- Three bills on educational service districts, public port districts, and levies
- Six bills on student achievement funds and assessments
- Six bills on student financial aid program and financial assistance
- Four bills on higher education opportunities, credit for prior learning, state need grant eligibility and university systems

IN THE AREA OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WE TRACKED 33 BILLS

Highlights:

- A bill on **children's health coverage** passed reducing income eligibility for state-subsidized health coverage from 300 to 200 percent for children who because of their immigration status are ineligible for federally-funded coverage.
- A bill passed **expanding family planning services** to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. SSB 5912 directs the Health Care Authority to seek federal authorization and funding to expand the program.
- 2E2SHB 1738 designates the Health Care Authority as the **single state agency for the Medicaid program**.
- Several bills **revising social service programs** passed. ESSB 5921 temporary suspends WorkFirst activity requirements for certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and establishes an oversight task force. ESHB2082 eliminates the Disability Lifeline assistance program and creates three assistance programs.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that passed and were delivered to the Governor:

EHB 2003: CONCERNING PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN FAMILIES WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Reduces income eligibility for state-subsidized health coverage from 300 percent of the federal poverty level to 200 percent for children who because of their immigration status are ineligible for federally-funded coverage.
- Allows the families of such children to purchase coverage under the state's Apple Health for Kids program by paying a premium equal to the average state cost per child in the program.

ESSB 5708: CREATING FLEXIBILITY IN THE DELIVERY OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES

**Signed by the Governor*

- Residents in boarding homes who reside in non-licensed rooms may receive services that include medication assistance, wellness programs, nutrition counseling, and technology-based monitoring.
- Nursing homes may monitor their discharged patients by phone.
- The Department of Social and Health Services must convene a workgroup to identify ways to incentivize nursing facilities to reduce nursing home beds.

ESHB 1311: CREATING A COLLABORATIVE TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE QUALITY, COST EFFECTIVENESS, AND OUTCOMES

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Robert Bree Collaborative is established to identify (1) up to three health care services annually for which there are substantial variations in practice patterns or high utilization trends; (2) evidence-based best practices to improve quality and reduce variation; and (3) strategies for increasing the use of evidence-based practices.

SHB 1595: REGARDING GRADUATES OF FOREIGN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

**Signed by the Governor*

- Foreign medical school graduates are exempt from the two-year postgraduate medical training requirement if they have been admitted as a permanent immigrant to the United States as a person of exceptional ability in the sciences and completed at least 24 months of multiple sclerosis specialty training.

2E2SHB 1738: CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MEDICAID SINGLE STATE AGENCY

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session*

- The Health Care Authority (HCA) is designated as the single state agency for the administration and supervision of Washington's State Medicaid program. All responsibilities for the medical assistance programs and the State Children's Health Insurance Program are transferred to the HCA, including all the employees of the Medicaid Purchasing Administration, rules, and apportionments of budgeted funds.

SSB 5912: EXPANDING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session*

- Directs the Health Care Authority to seek federal authorization and funding to expand income eligible for the Take Charge family planning program to 250 percent of poverty, from its current level of 200 percent.
- Directs the Office of Financial Management to place \$3.85 million of state appropriations in reserve upon implementation of the expansion, in anticipation of reduced state expenditures for prenatal, delivery, and infant care costs.

ESSB 5921: REVISING SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session*

- Temporarily suspends WorkFirst activity requirements for certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Establishes a legislative executive WorkFirst oversight task force to oversee a variety of activities, including the WorkFirst redesign, developing outcome, and accountability measures.
- Implements a 60-month time limit for families where a TANF benefit is provided on behalf of their child, subject to hardship extensions.

ESHB 2082: CONCERNING CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS AND HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Completely eliminates the Disability Lifeline assistance program and deletes all references to that program in the statute. Creates three assistance programs: Aged, Blind or Disabled assistance program (ABD); Pregnant Women Assistance Program (PWAP); and the Essential Needs and Housing Support (ENHS) program. The ABD and PWAP recipients receive cash assistance; persons referred to the ENHS program receive a referral for essential needs and housing support but not cash assistance. The ENHS program eliminates assistance in the form of cash grants effective November 1, 2011.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that did not pass included:

- Seven bills on health care insurance rates, financing, and unemployment insurance
- Five bills on social workers, public health care, public assistance forms, and eligibility
- Six bills on children's health coverage, child care center subsidies, immunization exemptions, temporary assistance for needy families, and family leave insurance
- A bill on DSHS restructuring
- A bill on dental therapists
- A bill on disability lifeline benefits
- A bill on electronic benefits

IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WE TRACKED 23 BILLS.

Highlights:

- A bill on enhancing **small business participation in state purchasing** passed. HB 1770 requires the development of a plan to increase the number of registered small businesses receiving state contracts for goods and services.
- HB 1937 allows local governments to expand Local Improvement District **funding to construct and maintain incubation facilities and training centers** that are built in Innovation Partnership Zone designated areas.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that passed and were delivered to the Governor:

2ESB 5764: CREATING INNOVATE WASHINGTON

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session*

- Creates Innovate Washington as the successor agency to the Washington Technology Center and the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute, and the primary state agency responding to the technology transfer needs of existing businesses in the state and growing the innovation-based economic sectors. Innovate Washington is to be the lead state entity for coordinating clean energy initiatives.
- Requires Innovate Washington to develop a five-year business plan including a plan for operating additional facilities; methods for working with community and technical colleges; outreach to Innovation Partnership Zones; and a clean energy component.

HB 1770: ENHANCING SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN STATE PURCHASING

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

The Department of General Administration (GA) is required to develop a model plan for state agencies to increase (1) the number of small businesses registering in the state's common vendor registration and bid notification system; (2) the number of such registered small businesses annually receiving state contracts for goods and services purchased by the state; and (3) the percentage of total state dollars spent for goods and services purchased from such registered small businesses.

- State purchasing agencies must give technical assistance to small businesses which include answering vendor questions about the bid solicitation requirements in advance of the bid due date and, if requested, holding a briefing to assist the vendor in understanding how to improve his or her responses for future procurements.
- State purchasing agencies must maintain records of awarded contracts to registered small businesses in order to track outcomes regarding the effects of the technical assistance.

HB 1916: CONCERNING BUSINESS SERVICES DELIVERED BY ASSOCIATE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Commerce (Department) to develop business recruitment and retention protocols that Department staff and Associate Development Organizations (ADOs) will follow. Directs the Department to provide export assistance training to ADOs and requires ADOs to provide or facilitate the provision of export assistance to businesses.
- Requires additional reporting for any ADO with a county population greater than 1.5 million (King County) related to services to small businesses, and services to businesses outside the largest city in the county.

HB 1937: AUTHORIZING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FUNDING TO BENEFIT INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP ZONES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Signed by the Governor*

- The use of Local Improvement District (LID) funding is expanded. Local governments may use LID funding to construct and maintain research laboratories, testing facilities, incubation facilities, and training centers that are built in Innovation Partnership Zone designated areas.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that did not pass included:

- Two bills on consumer protection
- Four bills on innovation partnership zones, U.S. Korea free trade agreement, and international databases
- Two bills on housing and foreclosures
- Four bills on liquor sales privatization, B&O tax deduction, facilities sales, and use tax
- Two bills on the Washington investment trust
- Two bills on business regulatory reform and small business support
- A bill on career and technical education
- A bill on federal property acquisition

IN THE AREA OF IMMIGRATION, WE TRACKED 12 BILLS.

Highlights:

- SSB 5023 passed **prohibiting unauthorized persons from providing immigration-related services.**
- A bill passed decreasing the maximum period of imprisonment for a gross misdemeanor to 364 days.
- Several bills on human trafficking passed. SB 5482 authorizes the use of existing funding to provide housing for **victims of human trafficking** and their families.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that passed and were delivered to the Governor:

SSB 5023: ADDRESSING NONLEGAL IMMIGRATION-RELATED SERVICES

- A person is prohibited from engaging in certain immigration assistance practices for compensation, unless the person is an attorney or is authorized under federal law to represent others in immigration matters.
- A person is prohibited from using terms such as immigration assistant and other terms that imply he or she has professional legal skills in immigration law.

SB 5482: AUTHORIZING EXISTING FUNDING TO HOUSE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THEIR FAMILIES

- There are three document recording surcharges related to affordable housing and homelessness. These funds are deposited into the Affordable Housing for All Fund and the Home Security Fund. Monies from the funds are used by the counties and the Department of Commerce to fund specific low-income affordable housing.
- Funds from these accounts may be used to house low-income victims of human trafficking and their families.

ESHB 1547: CONCERNING THE DEPORTATION OF CRIMINAL ALIEN OFFENDERS

- The Department of Corrections (DOC) may place an offender on conditional release status with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for deportation from the United States without the approval of the sentencing court and prosecuting attorney.
- An offender who is serving a sentence for an offense other than a violent offense or sex offense may be placed on conditional release status.
- An arrest warrant for the offender's arrest if the offender ever returns to the United States must remain in effect indefinitely.

SSB 5168: REDUCING MAXIMUM SENTENCES FOR GROSS MISDEMEANORS BY ONE DAY

- The maximum period of imprisonment for a gross misdemeanor is decreased to 364 days.

SSB 5546: CONCERNING THE CRIME OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands the definition of Trafficking in the Second Degree to include when a person transfers or receives by any means, another person, knowing that force, fraud, or coercion would be used to cause the victim to engage in forced labor or involuntary servitude, or a commercial sex act.
- Adds the offenses of Human Trafficking in the first and second degree and promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor to the list of crimes for which a defendant is required to be automatically remanded into custody upon conviction pending sentencing.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that did not pass included:

- Six bills on driver's license applicants and insurance
- A bill on immigration related services
- A bill on English being the language of all official proceedings

IN THE AREA OF THE BUDGET AND REVENUE, WE TRACKED 5 BILLS.

Bills tracked by CAPAA that passed and were delivered to the Governor:

ESHB 1497: REGARDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET

- Appropriates capital cash accounts for various capital projects.

2ESHB 1087: MAKING 2009-2011 AND 2011-2013 FISCAL BIENNIA OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

- Making 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia operating appropriations.

ESHB 1086: MAKING 2009-2011 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

- Appropriations are modified for the 2009-11 biennium. State General Fund appropriations are reduced by \$254 million.

ESHB 2020: FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Passed during the 1st Special Legislative Session.*

- Authorizes \$1.1 billion in new bonds and appropriates those bonds for various capital projects.